

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the Abstract as follows (strikethrough denotes deletions):

The invention relates to a method and an arrangement for concealing the true identity of a user in a communications system comprising a first user equipment having a first characteristic identifier, a second user equipment having a second characteristic identifier, a service network serving the first and the second user equipment. The method according to the invention comprises: requesting ~~(200)~~ a virtual identifier by means of the first user equipment; establishing ~~(202)~~ the virtual identifier for the first user equipment; linking ~~(202)~~ the virtual identifier of the first user equipment to the first characteristic identifier of the first user equipment and using ~~(210)~~ the virtual identifier of the first user equipment for communication between the first and the second user equipment.

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